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25X1 1. Following is a report of traffic on the Transcaspian Railway through Dushak,
25X1 Turkmen SSR, of road traffic to and from Dushak, and of Soviet military activity
25X1 in the Dushak area for the period 5-10 January 1952.

| <u>Date</u> | <u>Traffic</u> | <u>Direction</u> | <u>Time</u> | <u>Rail: No. of Cars</u> <u>Road: Type Vehicle</u> |
|-------------|-------------------|--------------------|-------------|---|
| 5/1/52 | Rail | westbound | 0730 | 1 coal-burning locomotive, 17 cars |
| | | eastbound | 0915 | 1 train, 2 locomotives, 50 red box cars |
| | | westbound | 0930 | 1 train, 14 flat and gondola cars |
| | | eastbound | 1215 | 1 train, 26 red tank cars |
| | | westbound | 1300 | 1 train, 30 loaded gondolas |
| | | westbound | 1400 | 1 train, 20 green passenger cars |
| | | westbound | 1515 | 1 train, 33 red box cars |
| | | eastbound | 1620 | 1 train, 32 gondolas and flat cars |
| | Road | Dushak to Bulan | 0700 | truck |
| | | Dushak to Tedzhend | 0830 | light truck |
| | | Serakhs to Dushak | 0900 | jeep |
| | | Serakhs to Dushak | 1015 | truck |
| | | Bulan to Dushak | 1030 | truck |
| | | Dushak to Kaakhka | 1130 | truck |
| | Dushak to Shurjeh | 1330 | truck | |
| | Dushak to Serakhs | 1400 | truck | |

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| Date | Traffic | Direction | Time | Rail: Road: | No. of Cars Type Vehicle |
|--------|-------------------|---|-------|----------------|--|
| 5/1/52 | Road | Shurjeh to Dushak | 1430 | truck | |
| | | Dushak to Kaakhka | 1515 | truck | |
| | Military activity | Two groups of soldiers, with about 50 men to each group, were engaged in military drill on the outskirts of Dushak at 0830 hours. Thirty to forty armed soldiers patrolled along the border from the Khojeh post as far as the Shurjeh post. While on patrol, an inspection of the plowed strip and low spots along the border was conducted. Foot and mounted patrols patrolled along the border from nightfall to daybreak. | | | |
| 6/1/52 | Rail | westbound | 0630 | 1 train, | 15 red tank cars, 45 box and flat cars |
| | | eastbound | 0715 | 1 train, | 10 white passenger cars |
| | | westbound | 0800 | 1 locomotive | |
| | | westbound | 1000 | 1 train, | 50 red box cars |
| | | eastbound | 1030 | 1 train, | 20 red tank cars |
| | | westbound | 1300 | 1 train, | 36 red gondolas |
| | | eastbound | 1315 | 1 train, | 6 green passenger cars |
| | | westbound | 1500 | 1 train, | 45 box cars, 1 white car |
| | | eastbound | 1530 | 1 train, | 20 red box cars, 2 white cars |
| | Road | Dushak to north | 0730 | truck | |
| | | Dushak to Serakhs | 0800 | truck | |
| | | Dushak to Aqcheh Qaleh | 0930 | truck | |
| | | Dushak to Kaakhka | 0945 | jeep | |
| | | Serakhs to Dushak | 1100 | truck | |
| | | southbound | 1130 | auto | |
| | | Dushak to Kaakhka | 1400 | truck | |
| | | Dushak to Post-i-Khojeh | 1430 | jeep | |
| | | Aqcheh Qaleh to Dushak | 1430 | truck | |
| | | Dushak to Serakhs | 1530 | truck | |
| | | Dushak to Tedzhend | 1545 | auto | |
| | Military activity | Personnel at the Shurjeh post was changed. The post strength remains at about 30 men. | | | |
| 7/1/52 | Rail | westbound | 0800 | 1 train, | 11 green passenger cars |
| | | eastbound | 0830 | 1 train, | 50 red box cars |
| | | westbound | 1030 | 1 train, | 13 passenger cars |
| | | westbound | 1130 | 1 train, | 33 red box cars |
| | | eastbound | 1330 | 1 train, | 37 tank, box, and flat cars |
| | | westbound | 1515 | 1 train, | 35 red tank cars |
| | | eastbound | 1400 | 1 train, | 30 red box cars |
| | | | (sic) | | |
| | Road | Dushak to Tedzhend | 0830 | truck | |
| | | Post-i-Khojeh to Dushak | 0830 | truck | |
| | | Dushak to Serakhs | 0915 | truck | |
| | | North to Dushak | 1000 | truck | |
| | | Dushak to Kaakhka | 1030 | truck | |
| | | Dushak to Tedzhend | 1230 | truck | |
| | | Dushak to flour mill | 1400 | jeep | |
| | | Dushak to Tedzhend | 1415 | truck | |
| | | Flour mill to Dushak | 1430 | jeep | |
| | | Dushak to Kaakhka | 1515 | 2 trucks | |
| | Military activity | Fifty mounted soldiers were engaged in military exercises at Dushak. Three groups of soldiers, with thirty men to a group, were observed engaged in military exercises at Malek Azhdar. | | | |

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| <u>Date</u> | <u>Traffic</u> | <u>Direction</u> | <u>Time</u> | <u>Rail:</u> <u>Road:</u> | <u>No. of Cars</u> <u>Type Vehicle</u> |
|-------------|-------------------|--|-------------|------------------------------|---|
| 7/1/52 | Military activity | Machine guns were fired during the problem. | | | |
| 8/1/52 | Rail | eastbound | 0800 | 1 train, | 46 red box cars |
| | | westbound | 0845 | 1 train, | 16 green passenger cars |
| | | westbound | 1000 | 1 train, | 29 flat and gondola cars |
| | | eastbound | 1130 | 1 train, | 25 flat and red box cars |
| | | westbound | 1215 | 1 train, | 1 coal-burning locomotive, 14 cars |
| | | eastbound | 1430 | 1 train, | 43 flat cars and red gondola cars |
| | | westbound | 1500 | 1 train, | 32 white passenger cars |
| | | westbound | 1600 | 1 train, | 1 locomotive and 2 cars |
| | Road | Dushak to Kaakhka | 0840 | truck | |
| | | Dushak to Kaakhka | 0900 | truck | |
| | | Dushak to Bulan | 1000 | jeep | |
| | | Serakhs to Dushak | 1030 | truck | |
| | | Dushak to Tedzhend | 1130 | truck | |
| | | Dushak to Post-i-Shurjeh | 1330 | truck | |
| | | North to Dushak | 1400 | truck | |
| | | Post-i-Shurjeh to Dushak | 1430 | truck | |
| | | Dushak to Serakhs | 1515 | truck | |
| | | Dushak to Kaakhka | 1530 | auto | |
| | | Dushak to Kaakhka | 1610 | truck | |
| 9/1/52 | Rail | westbound | 0800 | 1 train, | 85 red cars |
| | | eastbound | 0830 | 1 train, | 36 red box cars |
| | | eastbound | 1000 | 1 train, | 20 red tank cars |
| | | westbound | 1100 | 1 train, | 14 green passenger cars |
| | | eastbound | 1200 | 1 locomotive | |
| | | westbound | 1300 | 1 train, | 42 red tank cars |
| | | westbound | 1400 | 1 locomotive | |
| | | westbound | 1500 | 1 train, | 70 red box cars |
| | | eastbound | 1530 | 1 train, | 2 white locomotives and 44 red tank cars |
| | Road | Dushak to Serakhs | 0845 | truck | |
| | | Dushak to Kaakhka | 0930 | jeep | |
| | | Serakhs to Dushak | 1000 | truck | |
| | | Dushak to Kaakhka | 1100 | truck | |
| | | Dushak to Post-i-Khojeh | 1115 | truck | |
| | | Dushak to Kaakhka | 1230 | auto | |
| | | Dushak to Tedzhend | 1300 | 2 trucks | |
| | | Dushak to Post-i-Shurjeh | 1400 | jeep carrying 3 officers | |
| | | Serakhs to Dushak | 1430 | truck | |
| | | Dushak to Tedzhend | 1530 | truck | |
| | Military activity | At 0900 hours, 6 groups of soldiers, with 40 men to a group, were observed drilling at Malek Azhdar. At intervals, machine gun firing was heard coming from there. Ten soldiers came out of the Shurjeh post and hid on the Darband near the frontier. | | | |
| 10/1/52 | Rail | westbound | 0630 | 1 train, | 44 red tank cars |
| | | westbound | 0730 | 1 locomotive | |
| | | eastbound | 0915 | 1 train, | 22 large red box cars, 3 white cars |

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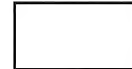
| Date | Traffic | Direction | Time | Rail: Road: | No. of Cars Type Vehicle | | |
|---------|---------|--------------------------|---|--|---------------------------------------|--|--|
| 10/1/52 | Rail | westbound | 1000 | 1 train, | 1 coal-burning locomotive and 12 cars | | |
| | | eastbound | 1300 | 1 train, | 60 loaded gondola and flat cars | | |
| | | westbound | 1300 | 1 train, | 26 gondola and flat cars | | |
| | | eastbound | 1530 | 1 train, | 12 green passenger cars | | |
| | | westbound | 1600 | 1 train, | 1 locomotive and 3 cars | | |
| | Road | Post-i-Khojeh to Dushak | 0800 | truck | | | |
| | | North to Dushak | 0830 | truck | | | |
| | | Dushak to Aqcheh Qaleh | 0930 | jeep | | | |
| | | Serakhs to Dushak | 0930 | truck | | | |
| | | Dushak to Tedzhend | 1100 | truck | | | |
| | | Serakhs to Dushak | 1120 | jeep | | | |
| | | Aqcheh Qaleh to Dushak | 1200 | jeep | | | |
| | | Dushak to Post-i-Shurjeh | 1230 | truck loaded with logs; on arrival at Post-i-Shurjeh, the logs were unloaded and the truck returned to Dushak with 12 soldiers on board. | | | |
| | | Dushak to Tedzhend | 1300 | auto | | | |
| | | Dushak to Kaakhka | 1430 | truck | | | |
| | | Dushak to Bulan | 1515 | truck | | | |
| | | Military activity | At 0930 hours, 4 groups of soldiers moved north out of Dushak. Two other groups of soldiers mounted on horseback were observed engaged in military exercises on the outskirts of Dushak. The mounted soldiers returned to town at noon; the soldiers to the north of the town returned at 1300 hours. | | | | |

3. The following is a tabulation of daily traffic for the period of time covered by this report and includes daily averages of the preceding months.

| 1952 | Rail | | West | | Vehicular | | | |
|------------------|----------------|------|--------|------------------------|-----------|------|-------|-------|
| | East Trains | Cars | Trains | Cars | East | West | North | South |
| 5 Jan. | 3 | 108 | 5 | 120 | 2 | 4 | 2 | 2 |
| 6 Jan. | 4 | 58 | 4 | 192 + 1 locomotive | 3 | 3 | 2 | 3 |
| 7 Jan. | 3 | 117 | 4 | 92 | 4 | 3 | 2 | 2 |
| 8 Jan. | 3 | 114 | 5 | 93 | 2 | 5 | 1 | 3 |
| 9 Jan. | 3 | 100 | 4 | 211 + 2 locomotives | 4 | 5 | 0 | 2 |
| 10 Jan. | 3 | 97 | 4 | 85 + 1 locomotive | 2 | 3 | 2 | 4 |
| (daily average) | | | | | | | | |
| 1952 Through | | | | | | | | |
| 10 Jan. | 3 | 99 | 4 | 132 | 3 | 4 | 2 | 3 |
| 1951 December | 4 | 147 | 4 | 106 | 4 | 4 | 2 | 3 |

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| | Rail | | | | Vehicular | | | |
|-------------------------|--------|------|--------|------|-----------|------|-------|-------|
| | East | | West | | East | West | North | South |
| | Trains | Cars | Trains | Cars | | | | |
| 1951 (daily average) | | | | | | | | |
| November | 4 | 124 | 5 | 119 | 6 | 6 | 3 | 4 |
| October | 5 | 172 | 5 | 155 | 6 | 5 | 5 | 4 |
| September | 6 | 186 | 6 | 195 | 6 | 5 | 4 | 4 |
| August | 7 | 251 | 6 | 221 | 6 | 6 | 4 | 4 |

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